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SUBJECT: MAY 27 CABLE HIGHLIGHTS

FOLLOWING ARE CABLE HIGHLIGHTS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 27, 1977:

1. HIJACKING OF SOVIET PLANE TO SWEDEN.

THERE APPEARS TO BE LITTLE LIKLIHOOD THAT THE WHITE
RUSSIAN HIJACKER WILL BE RETURNED TO THE USSR, BUT HE
COULD BE SENTENCED TO A JAIL TERM IN SWEDEN. THE
SOVIETS MAY CANCEL THE VISIT TO SWEDEN OF THEIR FISHERIES
MINISTER TO SHOW THEIR DISPLEASURE WITH THE SWEDISH
DECISION, BUT THE SWEDES APPEAR UNWORRIED. (STOCKHOLM
2273, LOU)

2. ITALIAN INTERNAL SCENE.

CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC SENATOR BARTOLOMEI BELIEVES THAT
THE PRESENT MINORITY ANDREOTTI GOVERNMENT WILL BE
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ABLE TO CARRY ON UNTIL THE FALL, THOUGH ACCOMPLISHING
LITTLE. BY OCTOBER, HOWEVER, PRESSURES TO FORM AN ALL-
PARTY "EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT" WILL AGAIN BECOME STRONG.
(ROME 8801, CONFIDENTIAL)

3. PAKISTAN: AGREEMENT ON TALKS.

THE PAKISTAN NATIONAL ALLIANCE OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED ON MAY 26 THAT TALKS WILL BE HELD BETWEEN PNA LEADERS AND PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO. EMBASSY ISLAMABAD BELIEVES THIS GIVES BHUTTO A SHORT-TERM ADVANTAGE, SINCE IT BUYS TIME AND MAY WORK TO DISCREDIT PNA LEADERS IN THE EYES OF OPPOSITION HARDLINERS. (ISLAMABAD 5528, CONFIDENTIAL)

4. FRENCH DEMARCHE ON CONCORDE.

THE USG MAY SUBMIT BRIEFS THAT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO AN UNFAVORABLE DECISION ON CONCORDE BY THE NEW YORK COURT OF APPEALS. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL CUVILLIER EXPRESSES CONCERN THAT SUCH USG ACTION MIGHT ADVERSELY AFFECT FRANCO-AMERICAN RELATIONS. (PARIS 15756, CONFIDENTIAL)

5. SWEDES REACT TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S "RACISM" REMARK.

CHARGE PERRY REPORTS THE SWEDES ARE NOT VISIBLY AFFECTED BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S RACISM COMMENT, SINCE THEY BELIEVE IT BASELESS, AND DO NOT WISH THE REMARK TO INTERFERE IN ANY WAY WITH US-SWEDISH COOPERATION. (STOCKHOLM 2281, CONFIDENTIAL)

6. PODGORNÝ UNMENTIONED. EMBASSY MOSCOW CONCLUDES THAT PODGORNÝ IS ALREADY WELL ON THE WAY TO BECOMING A NON-PERSON.

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